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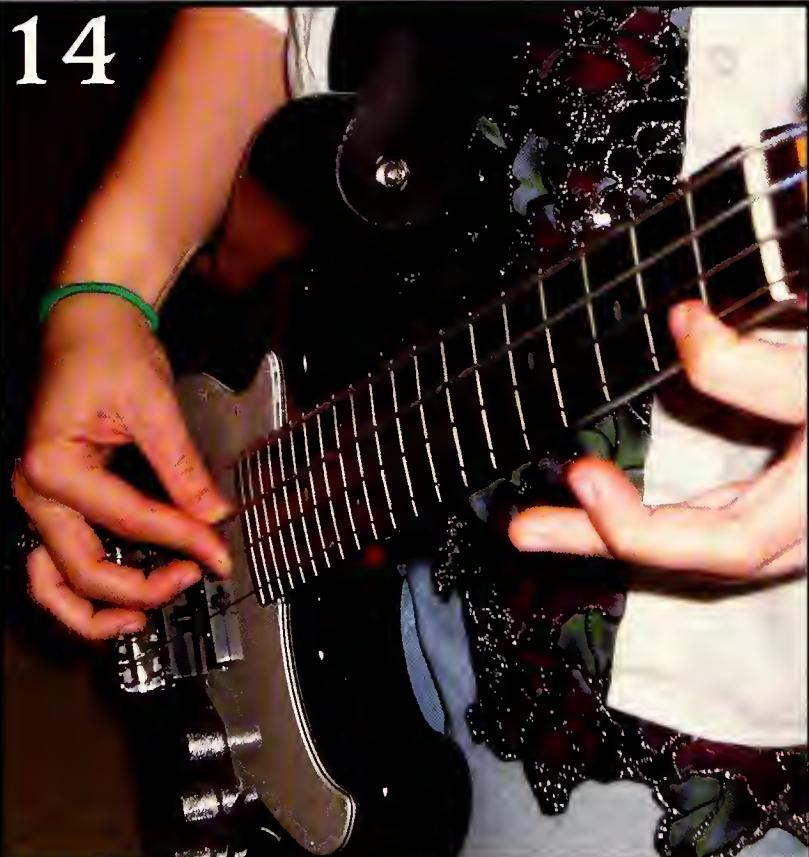
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Campus Life

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In auto class Ryan Sullivan, Wichita freshman, and Calvin Alston, Wichita sophomore (left), work hard getting a car ready for body work and a new paint job. Photo by Andrew Dorpinghaus.

(Right) For their dance contest in April, Sami Sanford, Haysville sophomore, and partner Donald Crowl, Ottawa freshman, work hard on getting their moves down.

Photo by Andrew Dorpinghaus.





Butler Grizzlies

(Above) Annalea Epp, Oxford sophomore, is on her way to spring practice as an athletic trainer. There are many students in the athletic training program. They attend all the games and practices and even a few get a chance to help out at some area high schools.

Photo by Andrew Dorpinghaus.



Good friends Ashley Nienstedt, Hartford sophomore, Jodi Comley, Shell Knob, Mo. sophomore, Emily Morgan, White City sophomore, and Jenna Harmison, White City sophomore, all enjoy a night of skating during one of Butler's activity nights.

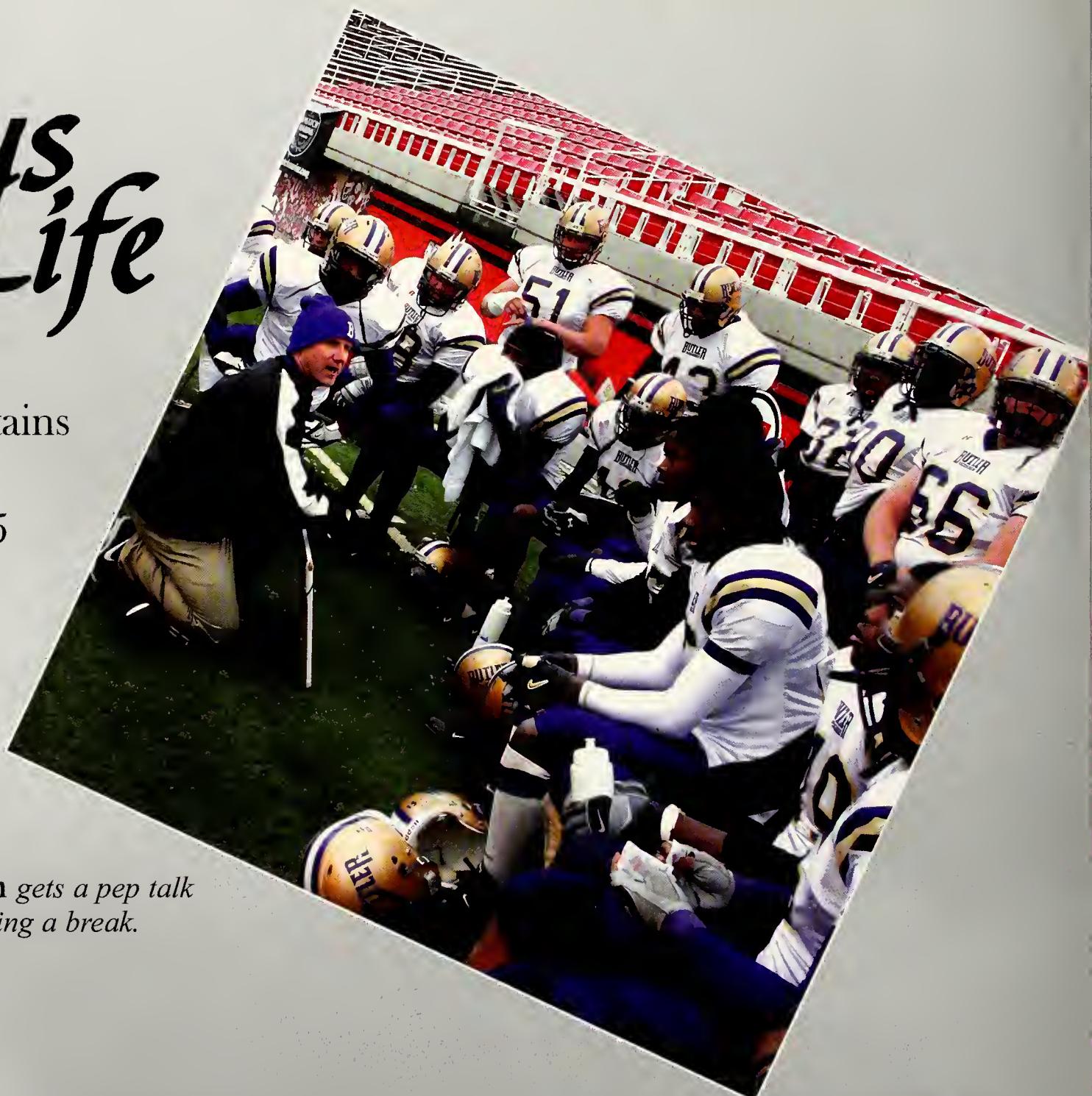
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(Inset) The Butler pep band performs during and between home basketball games to keep the crowd entertained and the players ready to play.

Photo by Christina Crow.

Campus Life

Zions Bank
Top of the Mountains
Bowl Game
December 3, 2005



(Right) Some of the team gets a pep talk from one of the coaches during a break.

Photo by Michael Lentz.

Matt Anderson and Shawn Werle (right) broadcast the game from high above the stadium for all the Butler fans that weren't able to make the trip to Salt Lake City, Utah.

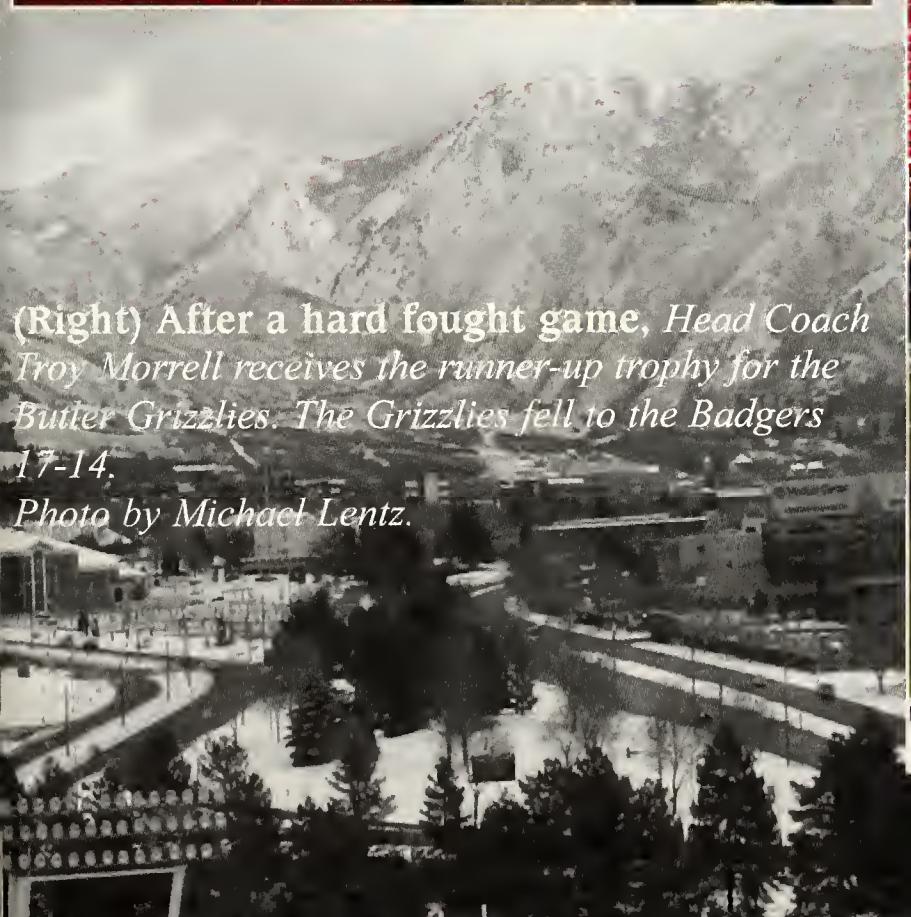
Photo by Michael Lentz.



(Right) Running back Kenny Wilson, Liberal sophomore, goes for a long gain for the Grizzlies during the bowl game against the No. 13 Snow (Utah) Badgers. Photo by Michael Lentz.



Wide receiver Jamario Kendrick, Parsons sophomore (left), makes a tough catch in the end zone for the Grizzlies. Photo by Michael Lentz.



(Right) After a hard fought game, Head Coach Troy Morrell receives the runner-up trophy for the Butler Grizzlies. The Grizzlies fell to the Badgers 17-14. Photo by Michael Lentz.



Homecoming Festivities



Design by Katie Chrapkowski and Erin Lewis

Monday, Feb. 13.

Movie night will take place in the Kansas Room at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 14.

Join students in a few games of intramural basketball at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. in the gym. Afterwards, for just a \$2 entry, bowl the night away starting at 10 p.m. and ending at midnight.

Wednesday, Feb 15.

A city-wide scavenger hunt will leave at 7 p.m. from the Gold Room.

Thursday, Feb. 16.

Participate in the Texas Hold 'Em Tournament in the Gold Room at 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 17.

Come to school decked out in your Butler gear for a chance to win a prize.

Saturday, Feb. 18.

Homecoming games at 6 and 8 p.m. against Dodge City Community College. The King and Queen will be announced at halftime of the men's contest.



Courtesy Photo

Represent. Join members of the spirit squad and help show Butler pride. The person best dressed in Butler attire on Friday, Feb. 18, will be awarded a special prize.



Photo by Michael Lentz

One, two, three...flip! Students Taylor Braet, Wichita sophomore, Marcus Martinez, Wichita sophomore, Eli Obrien, Osage City sophomore, Dustin Bragg, Nick Eden, Valley Center sophomore and Assistant Track Coach Eugene Frazier play an intense round of Texas Hold 'Em at the last Butler activity night.



By Doris Huffman

When you are walking around campus and you see a sign that says BEST on it do you ever wonder what it is? BEST stands for Butler and Emporia from Student to Teachers. Did you know that you could earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education at Butler from Emporia State University?

The program began with a Phi Theta Kappa/National Science Foundation Grant Butler received to develop pre-service teacher ed courses focusing on math, science and technology skills. As a result of the grant, the grant team of Shellie Gutierrez Education Lead, Lori Winningham, Dean, Behavioral Sciences Math, Science and Physical Education, Robert Carlson, Chemistry Lead, Susan Forrest, Biology Instructor, and Larry Lyman, ESU Department Chair in Elementary Education, developed an action plan and thought of the name BEST to call our partnership program with ESU.

Butler and Emporia offer the program which is a 2 + 2 program. You take all four years here at Butler. For the first two years you will pay Butler's tuition, but for the last two years you will pay Emporia's tuition.

In the last two years your teachers will be from Emporia like Matt Seimears and Ashley Barth. Plus there is a block schedule they recommend you follow to finish in a timely manner. In the final year you will be assigned to a Professional Development School (PDS).

A PDS gives the students a chance to work in a school environment. ESU has partnerships with Olathe, Shawnee Mission, Kansas City, Emporia, El Dorado and Topeka.

The program requires 136 hours to complete the degree. If the student takes 17- 18 credit hours per semester then they should complete the program in four years.

Students must meet specific requirements before they reach Block 1 of the program. These requirements include minimum grade point average, passing scores on the Pre- Professional Skills Test, documentation of completing 100 hours of supervised work experience with children or youth, plus completing reading, writing and spelling tests.

Butler and ESU have a long standing articulation agreement that states which of Butler's courses transfer to ESU for their general education. The list is available at <http://www.emporia.edu/regist/heart/butler.htm>.

Emporia is ranked fourth in the nation when it comes to their Elementary Education programs, according to the Emporia Gazette on May 24, 2005.

Merle Patterson of El Dorado, PDS BEST program coordinator , was called out of retirement by Emporia to come work at Butler for this program.

The program is for Elementary Education only. Patterson says, "We think Emporia State produces the BEST teachers." Currently there are 26 people enrolled in the program. There are over 400 inquiring minds wanting to learn more about the program and how to enroll.

You can enroll in the program by going by Mr. Patterson's office in the 1500 building room 132 by either dropping by or calling and setting up an appointment.



Best guy ever. Merle Patterson of El Dorado, PDS BEST program coordinator, was sitting at his desk getting things ready for upcoming events.

He also mentioned that it was okay with them if there were people who wanted to change their majors during the middle of a semester and that you are more than welcome to do so.

“ESU is very grateful to be a partnership with Butler,” says Patterson.

Upon completing all of the requirements of ESU with a C or better and all other tests, students will be recommended for licensure by the Kansas Department of Education as a teacher for grades K-6.

For more information contact Merle Patterson. Contact information to the right.

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BEYOND

By Tamara Norman

Since opening its doors in 1927, Butler Community College has made its mark on the educations of thousands of students from Kansas and around the world, holding them in to educate and inspire, and then releasing them, prepared to share their experience with the world around them. The choices infinite, Butler graduates choose a path that will guide them through the roads of life, applying their knowledge in ways that will improve and expand society through entertainment, government, and spirit.

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>>production assistant
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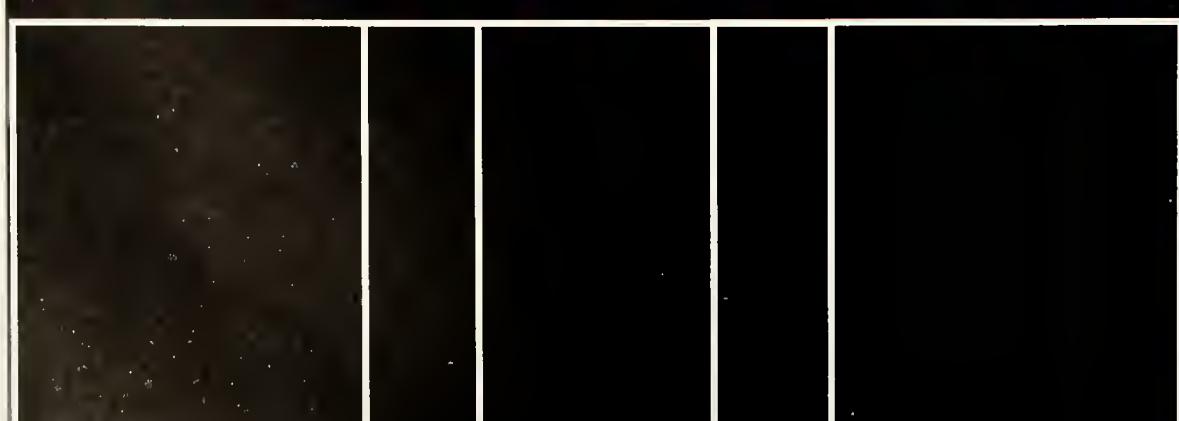
“It’s easier to beg for forgiveness than ask for permission.”

Vibrating through central Kansas as the early morning personality on Wichita’s 96.3 FM, behind the scenes assisting in radio production, and marketing Butler Community College with her success featured on billboards throughout the county, Mikayla Boehm has already started down a promising career path, beginning with an Associates at Butler.

“I decided what I wanted to do as a lucky break by enrolling in the wrong class,” Boehm says. “I don’t think I would have known what radio held without the experience I had at Butler and the passion carried out from the instructors.”

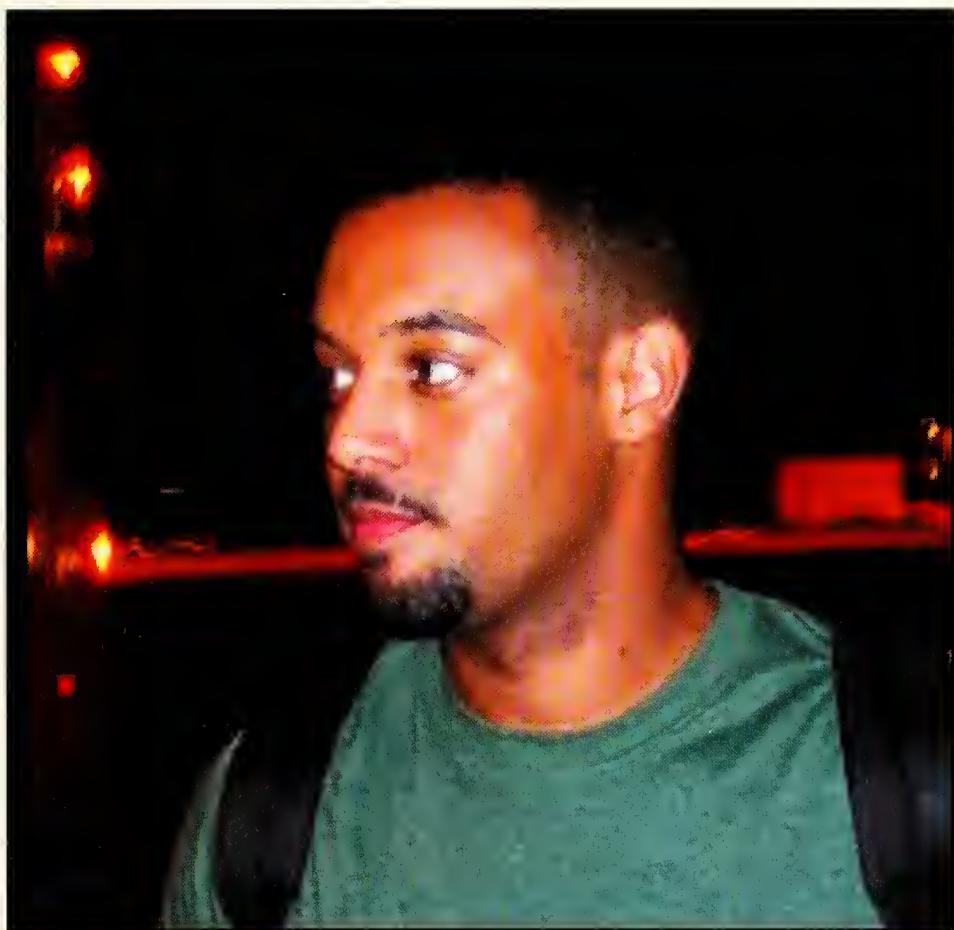
Successful in production, Boehm continues to work in the radio business as she returns to school in pursuit of higher education and greater knowledge.

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former president of Dr Pepper
computer programmer at NASA
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automotive editor of the NY Times
communications at dreamworks studios
alumni ’



Road trip. Traveling the country with the National Guard, Washington enjoys the opportunities provided to him through the Air Force.

Photographs courtesy Zach Washington



Zach Washington

>>staff sergeant

2004, Associates in Liberal Arts

Dividing his childhood between Germany, Japan, Texas and Mississippi in an Air Force family that would inspire his future, Zach Washington first spent two years at Butler Community College earning his Associates before joining the National Guard.

"I grew up traveling with my mom in the Air Force, and it interested me in joining the Guard," says Washington. "The chance to see the world, serve my country, and make money at the same time is unbeatable."

Stationed out of Forbes Field in Topeka, Washington is able to continue his education and hold a job while serving on the Guard. The computer classes and technology training he experienced at Butler has laid the foundation to grow on in experience and education, enabling him to succeed as a Computer Support Specialist.



A look into the music major

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A major that is available to many students at Butler is a music major. You can either be in instrumental music or vocal music. The classes needed to get this major are practically set in stone. All four of the semesters are planned out in the Course Catalog. Many students at BCC were asked in the fourth grade if they wanted to be in band and a lot of kids did. There are some who have stuck with that even until now.

"I have always loved band. I never thought I would get a scholarship for it," says Sandy Lockard, freshman from Bluestem. Butler offers a books and tuition scholarship to students who audition and are awarded it. These students are those that take part in the Sideliners (the pep band that goes to all of the football and basketball games), and also just regular concert band, jazz band or vocal choir.

To get this degree students have to attend Butler for four semesters. They have to take the basics like English Comp 1 & 2, college algebra and speech class. Also, they have to take classes

like Theory of Music 1-4, Aural Skills 1-4, and piano proficiency.

"I like being a member of the Sideliners. I get to keep up on sports and also get to hang out with some friends," says Lockard. The Sideliners attended all of the home football games and will attend all of the home basketball games. They play peppy songs such as "Soul Bossanova" and "The Horse."

"I was hoping to be able to go to the bowl game in Utah with the football team, but you can't always get what you want," says Lockard. Although the Sideliners have been to every home football game, they didn't get to attend the game in Utah.

There are many different jobs that you can get with this degree. You can be a teacher or a per-

former. Performers can average between \$23,820 and \$46,350 a year; however, teachers can average about \$39,810 to \$44,340, according to the Occupational Outlook Handbook 2004-2005. The salary for the job can depend on what grade level the teachers are teaching.



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Photos by Mike Lentz



From Around the world...At

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From Australia to Zimbabwe and everywhere in between, Butler is known for hosting approximately 513 International Students from 82 different countries, just this year. Out of those 513 students, 266 of them are considered Permanent Residents for the United States. Which means that after their time at Butler is finished, they will get the opportunity to stay in the U.S. if they wish to. The other 246, which are considered International Students, will have to return to the country where they are from after they finish at Butler. The International students make up around 3.47% of the student body here at Butler of El Dorado. Before being accepted to Butler, the student must fill out the form I-20 in order to then receive their F-I visa.

Joseph Maina, one of the many International students attending Butler, is from Kenya. He is here on a track scholarship. Being here for over three months has given him a chance to get used to the American culture. "I really enjoy all the friendly people," says Maina. Like any Ameri-

can, Joseph has grown to love certain foods. "My favorite foods are probably chicken, pizza, and mashed potatoes". One of the hardest things about coming to America was having to deal with everything on his own.

"Now that I am away from my parents, I have to make sure and pay my bills by the time they are due." Cynthia Meyer, one of three International advisors, has been in this field since 1994, she has been here at Butler since 2001.

"The 4-year-plus universities have more International Students enrolled, but Butler is one of the top community colleges in the state in respect to International Student enrollment," says Meyer. Since there are several Butler sites, many people often wonder which one has the most International Students. Pamela Hendrix "International Specialist" says that "10% of International Students at Butler attend full time at the El Dorado Campus, the other 90% attend classes at the Andover Campus."

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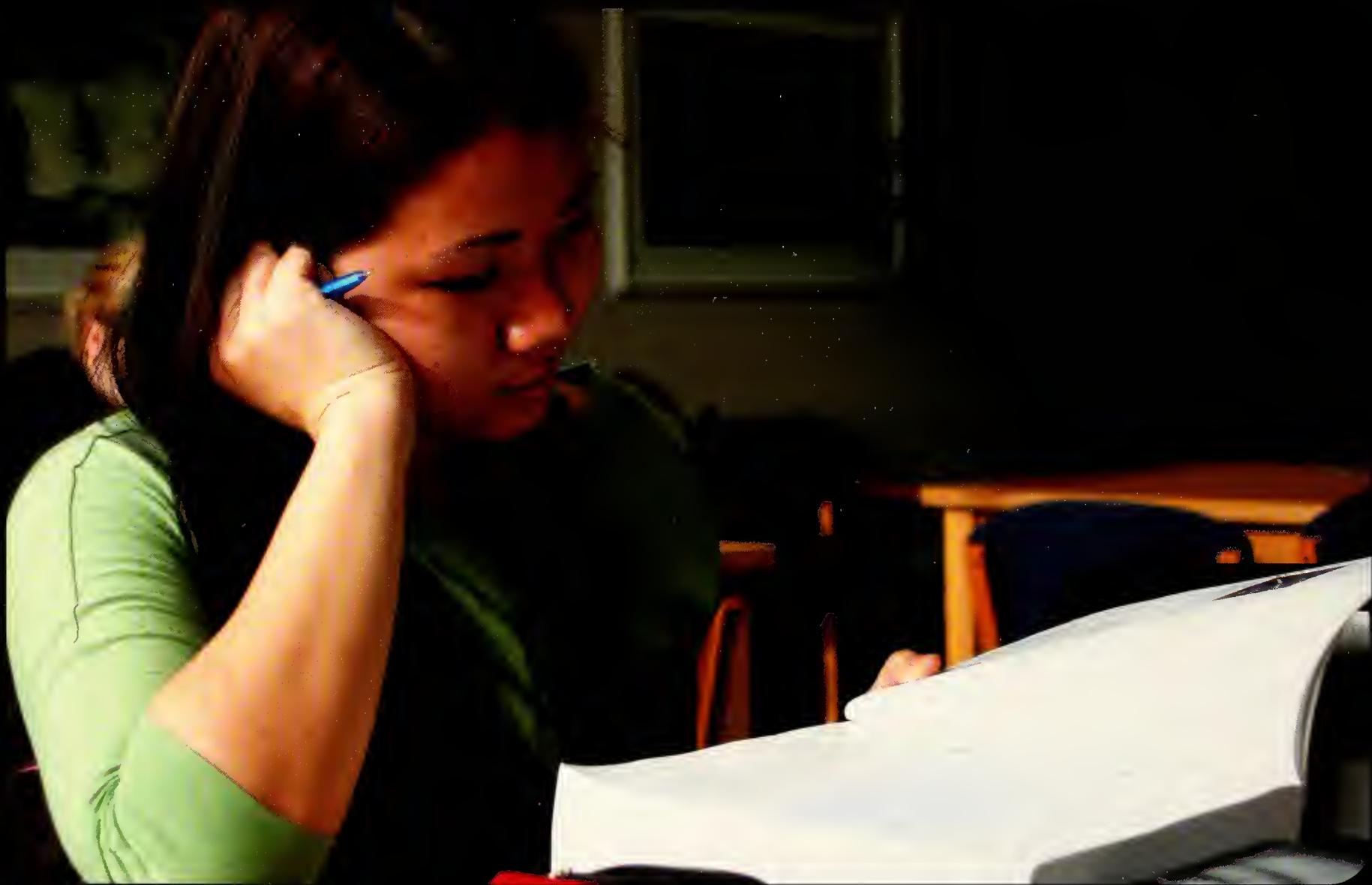
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Countries with Highest
number of International
Students:

1. Kenya-46
2. Nepal-33
3. Malaysia-21
4. Tanzania-14
5. Pakistan-12
6. Sri Lanka-11
7. Japan-9
8. Nigeria-8
9. Mongolia-7

HERE'S A LOOK AT A FEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT BUTLER

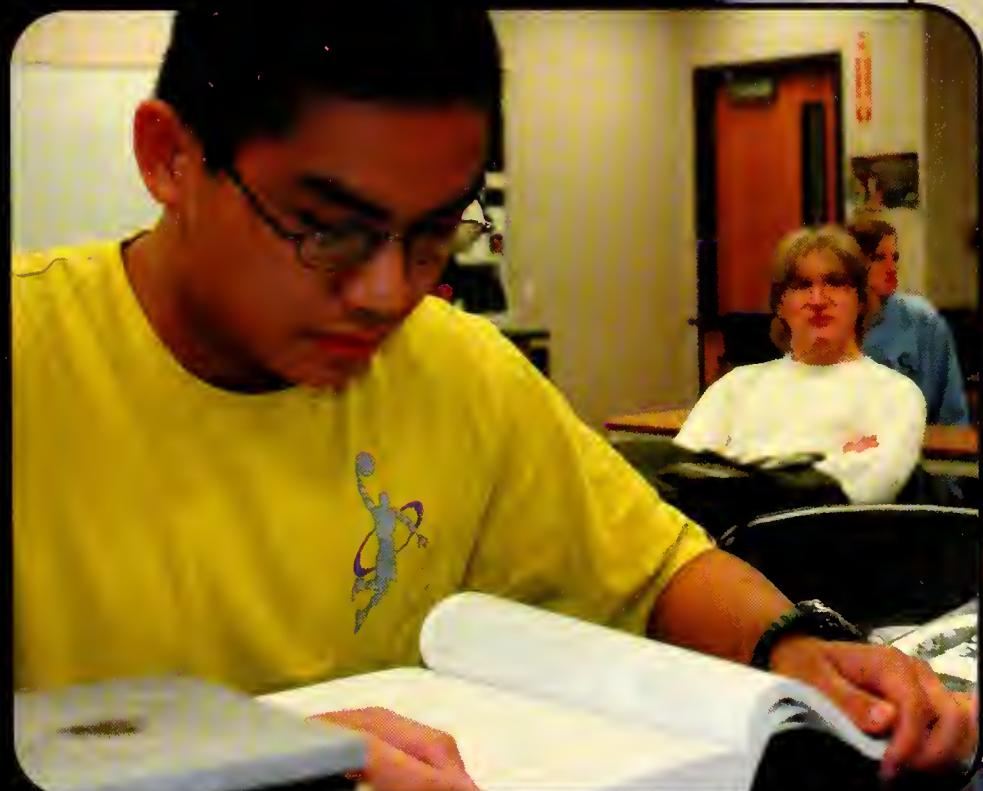
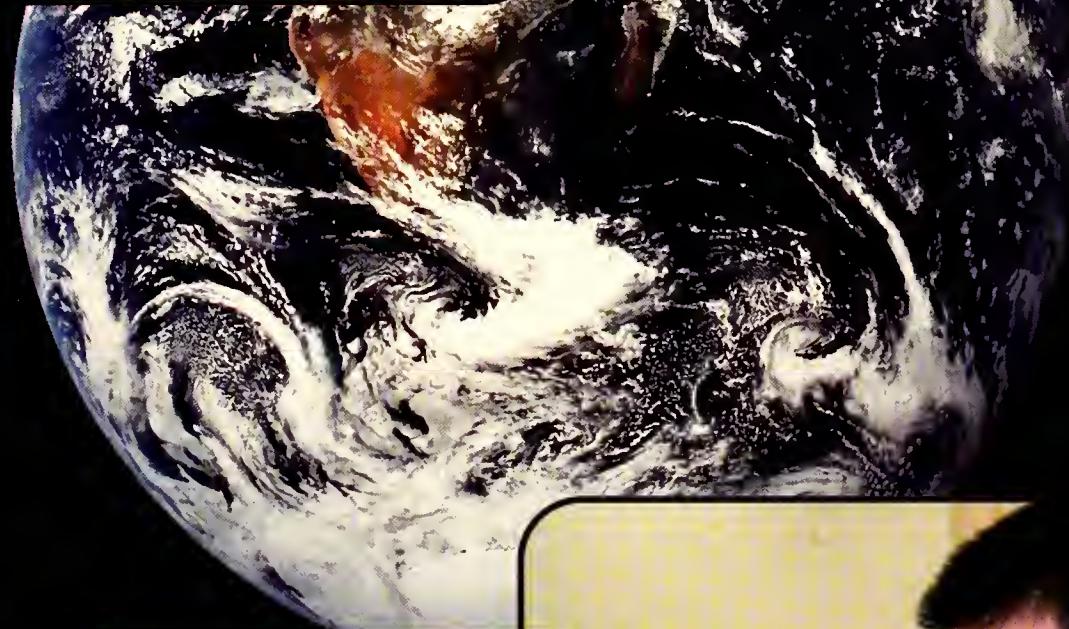


Making a good example, Mai Van, sophomore from Viet Nam, studies her chemistry in the 1500 Building.

Top Left: Michal Tangaroa, sophomore from New Zealand, who came to play softball on scholarship.

Top Right: Shota Fuckuma, sophomore from Japan. **Bottom Left**: Calvin Lee, freshman, and Maxwell Poon (Bottom Right) sophomore from Hong Kong.

Center: Globe Photo courtesy of www.digital-typhoon.org





Good Time. Thomas holds on with all his strength waiting to hear that eight second buzzer, that lets him know all is well.



Rough Rider



Tyler Thomas
sophomore

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By Erin Lewis

An El Dorado native, sophomore Tyler Thomas, has had an amazing ride on his way to ending up at Butler.

Having a father and an uncle that rode bulls, he has always been subjected to the dangerous atmosphere. It was only natural for Thomas to ride as well.

Actually riding bulls at the age of 14, Thomas knew it was something he wanted to do.

Thomas, or "Tex" as his friends call him, rode bulls for El Dorado High School as part of the Rodeo Club. His senior year he made it all the way to the state finals. There he received a full scholarship to ride in the Central Plains Region for Pratt Community College.

Bull riding is the only college sport in which you can accept money. In participating the rider himself has to pay for expenses.

"It can be anywhere from \$40 to \$500 just to sit on a bull," he says.

Attending Pratt for two years, coming within three credits of graduating- he decided to drop out to pursue bull riding competitively.

"My parents were mad that I was quitting so close to graduating, but they were supportive. My dad went to all the competitions I was in," Thomas says.

Riding in the Kansas Professional Rodeo Association (KPRA), led him all over the U.S., Kansas and Texas especially. This circuit was open to anyone

to compete. Thomas also participated in Extreme Bull Challenges during his time away from school.

Winning in a rodeo, or even conquering the strength of a bull, would give anyone a sense of pride and a right to boast. But when asked how many buckles, and how much money he has obtained through riding, he simply says, "I would have to sit down and calculate it. I have no idea off the top of my head."

Things came to a screeching halt about a year and a half ago when Thomas was injured. He was in Cheney at a competition when his spurs got caught in the rope. It was all over from there. His foot caught in the rope caused his leg to be twisted and thrown about as the bull continued to buck.

"I blew my knee out, tore my ACL and I now have a cadaver knee on the right leg," he says.

This event is what led him back to El Dorado and aided in the decision in finishing his degree at Butler.

"It's convenient and close to home," Thomas says.

Thomas is predicting graduating in the Spring of '07. He is spreading out his classes as he now is working in the Water Distribution Department for the City of El Dorado, which restricts his schedule.

Even though time off has been needed for recovery of his knee, Thomas still practices on a bucking machine just about every day in his parents' back yard.

"I will ride again. I bet I will within the next year," he firmly says.

“I WILL ride again...” *21*



Clenched hands. *The only thing keeping him on the bull is the rope, that slightly cuts off the circulation to his hands. Every ride he hopes to free himself easily when the time comes.*

"...Well, it's bulls and **blood**, It's dust and **mud**, It's the roar of a Sunday crowd, It's the white in his knuckles, The **gold** in the buckle, He'll win the next go 'round, It's boots and chaps, It's cowboy hats, It's spurs and a lot a go, It's the ropes and the reins, And the joy and the pain, And they call the thing a rodeo..."

Garth Brooks, Rodeo



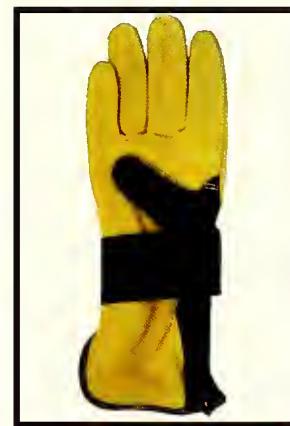
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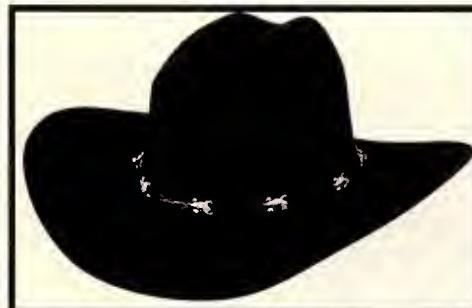
Protection Vest



Ropin' gloves



Belt and Buckle



Traditional Cowboy Hat

Riding Essentials

UPDATE

Since the interview for this story, Tyler (Tex) Thomas entered himself in the Wrangler Pro Rodeo Classic which was held on Jan. 20-21. Due to the expiration of his Pro Card, he was not able to ride. He has decided to take off this spring semester to go back on the road to renew his card. This means starting from scratch to rise to the top once more. As a start he has already entered in two local rodeos since the Wrangler.



Hats off. His heart is racing, left hand in the air, everything clears his mind as all he can think about is winning and escaping the bull's wrath.

Special Delivery

Now serving Papa John's pizza in the classroom.

By Rachelle Poirier

With the growing amount of students attending the Andover campus, recent changes are being made for the convenience of the students. More classrooms are being added to provide a diverse variety of courses to offer at different times, and also the break room in the 5000 building is expanding.

Generally, classes offered in Andover are three hours in length. For this reason, instructors typically give one or two 15 minute breaks throughout the class. In all three buildings in Andover, there are break rooms, where students can enjoy soda, coffee and a variety of snack vending machines.

As of November, students can now enjoy the newly expanded and remodeled break room in the 5000 building. They have added more tables, and vending machines selling soda, coffee, milk and juice, chips, candy, healthy snacks, ramen noodles, frozen mini pizzas and even ice cream. The newest addition is the new Papa John's built right in the center of the room, serving personal pan pizzas, pizza slices or full pizzas.

So is the new Papa John's successful?

President Dr. Jacqueline Vietti says, "Since the Papa John's endeavor has just begun it is too early to

Hungry? Binhminh Le, Wichita sophomore, takes advantage of the new Papa John's facility to grab a quick lunch between classes (Below).

tell whether or not it is successful from a sales perspective. However, initial feedback indicates that students are very appreciative of the project, so I am happy to label it a success from that vantage point."

According to Vietti, the endeavor is a partnership between Papa John's and BCC. The college provides the snack room space rent free, and in return Papa John's has agreed to return a percentage of its sales to the college.

"I like the new changes in the snack room," Sarah McAdam, Andover sophomore, says. "It offers a lot of choices for students who rely on 10 minute breaks to grab a bite to eat."

So, with the growing number of students attending the Andover campus, will there be more expansions leading to a full size cafeteria?

"I do not envision a full service cafeteria in the future," Vietti says, "but I do see the need for expanded food service and other student service options."

Andover students usually have a one hour break between morning and afternoon classes, typically ending at 11:30 a.m. and re-starting at 12:30 p.m. This allows most students living in or close to Andover to go home to eat lunch or to dine at nearby restaurants.





PROMISING IN THE NEW YEAR

By Rachelle Poirier

The new year has arrived, now thousands of promises are being made around the globe to improve their lifestyles in the new year.

Among the top ten resolutions are to lose weight, stop smoking, stick to a budget, find a better job, become more organized, exercise more, eat better and just overall become a better person. While we as Americans many times ring in the new year by toasting glasses of champagne and sharing a kiss at the stroke of midnight, other places around the world ring in the new year in their own way.

In **Austria**, the suckling pig is the symbol for good luck for the new year. It's served on a table decorated with tiny edible pigs.

The **British** place their fortunes for the coming year in the hands of their first guest. They believe the first visitor of each year should be male and bearing gifts. For good luck, the guest should enter through the front door and leave through the back.



At the first toll of midnight in **Wales**, the back door is opened and then shut to release the old year and lock out all of its bad luck. Then front door is opened and the New Year is welcomed with all of its luck.

In **Haiti**, New Year's Day is a sign of the year to come. Haitians wear new clothing and exchange gifts in the hope that it will bode well for the new year.

An old **Sicilian** tradition says good luck will come to those who eat lasagna on New Year's Day, but woe if you dine on macaroni, for any other noodle will bring bad luck.

When the clock strikes midnight, the **Spanish** eat 12 grapes, one with every toll, to bring them luck for the 12 months ahead.

In **Peru**, they also eat 12 grapes to bring good luck, but they also eat a 13th grape to assure good luck.

In **Greece**, special New Year's bread is baked with a coin buried in the dough. The first slice is for the Christ child, the second for the father of the household, and the third slice is for the house.

The **Japanese** decorate their homes in tribute to lucky gods. One tradition, kasomatsu, consists of a pine branch symbolizing longevity, a bamboo stalk symbolizing prosperity and a plum blossom showing nobility.

For the **Chinese** New Year, every front door is adorned with a fresh coat of red paint, a symbol of good luck and happiness. All knives are put away for 24 hours to keep anyone from cutting themselves, which is thought to cut the family's good luck for the next year.

The kiss shared at the stroke of midnight in the **United States** is derived from masked balls that have been common throughout history. As tradition has it, the masks symbolize evil spirits from the old year and the kiss is the purification into the new year.

Norwegians make rice pudding at New Year's and hide one whole almond within. Guaranteed wealth goes to the person whose serving holds the lucky almond.

VINTAGE VENUES

*Story by Nicole Blanton
Layout by Andrew
Dorpinghaus and
Michael Lentz.*



Photos by Nicole Blanton





Poodle skirts, drive-ins, and the Charleston are among some of the classic American pastimes. All are modernized and used in the now times and here's where, how, and how much!

Photos by Nicole Blanton

CLASSIC CLOTHING

The '40s through '70s were very good in the fashion sense. The 'I Love Lucy' era of dresses and aprons while cooking, cleaning the house and bathing the children have long been over. But! Fear not! The oh-so-elegant high waistline, petticoats and pea coats are back with a vengeance. Such stars as Jennifer Lopez, Lindsay Lohan and Jennifer Aniston have all contributed in the ushering in of the classy styles and clothing.

For some high dollar vintage outfits, shoes and hats, places such as Klassic Line are a perfect fit. Their prices range anywhere from \$10 on a bargain dress to \$200+ for a gorgeous evening gown. Now, if it's super high quality [and prices] that is wanted, just go to Ebay. Although undoubtedly riskier, there are some very accredited 'online stores' available. There are feedback reports available for public view, and you can pay almost any way that's convenient.

If the preferred spending range for a 'classic' outfit is under \$20, there are some very good bargains out there. Before spending hundreds on a mint-condition outfit make sure the local DAV's, Salvation Armies and Goodwills have been combed thoroughly. Most thrift stores even have a section marked 'Vintage.'

DRIVE-IN



During the Depression there were two things that Americans cherished-- cars and movies. On June 6, 1933, Richard M. Hollingshead Jr. opened the first drive-in theatre on Crescent Boulevard, Camden, NJ, with a showing of an Adolphe Menjou comedy, "Wife Beware." With an attendance of around 600 people, imagine the income with an admission of 25 cents for walk-ins, 75 cents for two people drive-ins and \$1 per family.

The idea of viewing a movie from your vehicle was ingenious! Talking during the movie was not prohibited because you were in your own private 'theatre box'-- smoking was also allowed. The inventor of this project (Hollingshead) was a little before his time though. These outdoor theatres didn't catch on until the '50s.

"Drive-ins proliferated at a spectacular rate, from 500 before World War II to about 5,000 in the late '50s and early '60s," says Chuck Darrow of the Courier-Post (an online publication).

In Kansas there were originally 125 operating

drive-ins. There are now only nine. Besides contributing to the *amount* of drive-ins, Kansas has also contributed to the amount of actors from that era, Roscoe Arbuckle, Buster Keaton and Hattie McDaniel-- the first black woman to win an Oscar (for her role in "Gone With the Wind").

Opening in 1949, Star Vu Drive-In has made El Dorado the home of the second-oldest drive-in that has remained in operating condition in Kansas. The oldest operating outdoor cinema in Kansas is the South Drive-In located in Dodge City.

SWING

Back, to the very beginning of swing time, in the 1920s, swing was born into the USA. One of the styles at this time was the Charleston. The Charleston was named for Charleston, SC. The original Charleston (for there are many variations) is a lively dance. It involves turning the knees inwards and kicking out the lower legs.

In 1927, the Lindy Hop was named— and quite by accident. A newspaper reporter and one “Shorty George” Snowden were watching some of the swing couples dancing. The Lindy Hop was being done and the reporter asked what it was. Sitting on the bench next to them was a newspaper that had an article that read, “Lindy Hops the Atlantic.” (Lindbergh had flown to Paris at that time.) Jitterbug, a bouncy six-beat, was later introduced in 1934.

Although it started to spread in the ‘20s, swing dancing did not become widely accepted until the ‘40s (when dance schools began to teach all variations of swing). In 1938 Donald Grant, the president of DTBA (Dance Teachers' Business Association), recalled swing music to be, “a degenerated form of jazz, whose devotees are the unfortunate victims of economic instability.” The New York Society of Teachers was one of the first (and most resistant) to begin teaching swing like Lindy and Jitterbug.

Jitterbug died out during the ‘60s and ‘70s, but in the 1980s it was revived and danced to Country-Western music in Country-Western bars.

The revival of swing dancing didn't stop in the ‘80s. There are an amazing amount of swing clubs, swing lessons, and swing competitions throughout the USA. There are even places like <http://www.bustamove.com/> which don't even require leaving the house to enlighten the feet!

Wichita Swing Dance Society

Beginner Swing Dance Lesson 6:30 - 7:30 pm \$3-5

DJ'd Swing Dance 8:00-10:00 pm \$3-5

<http://www.kansascityswingdance.org/>

Kansas City Lindy Hop Society

Beginner Swing Dance Lesson 7:00 pm

Social Dancing from 8:00 to 11:00 pm

<http://www.kclindyhop.org/>



Jim and Stacy Farthing are a fantastic Father/Daughter duo. They teach hands on Swing dancing on the last Friday of each month at Word Of Life School. Only \$1 for entry.

The Radiance of a Thousand Suns: The Hiroshima Project Reviews

The Good...

The drama department put on their second show this fall called "The Radiance of a Thousand Suns: The Hiroshima Project" on Nov. 18, 19 and 20. This was definitely a play designed for history freaks. Although my friends and I liked it, we are also very interested in World War II.

The play started with a group of scientists witnessing the successful explosion of the first atom bomb in New Mexico. They all celebrated and drank champagne. After the first scene, the characters show you the steps that those scientists had to take to get to that day. It discusses the effects of creating the bomb and the death of the man who figured out the timing. With President Roosevelt's approval they created three bombs total. One test bomb, Fat Man, and Little Boy. Both of the others were dropped.

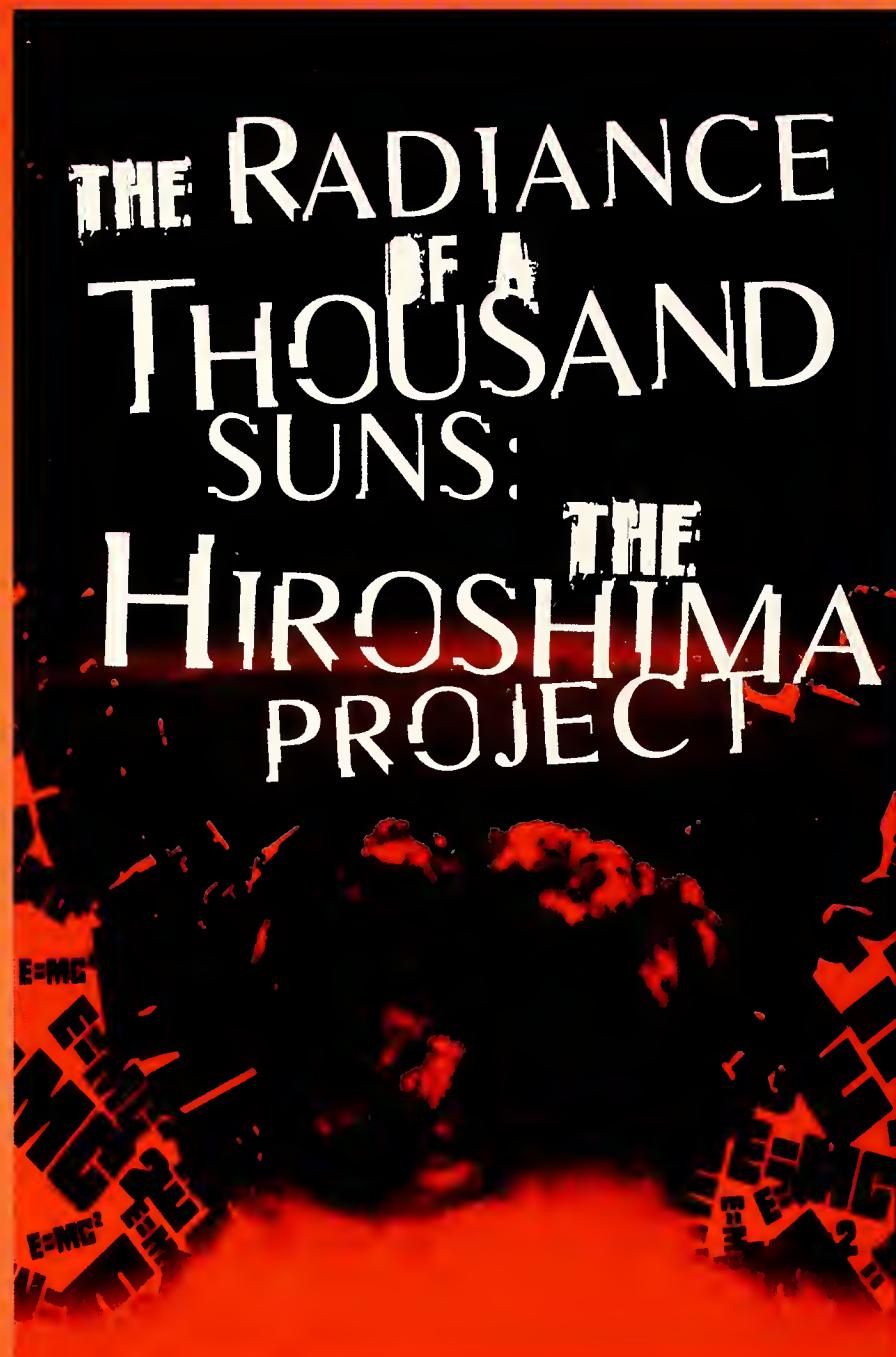
The play discusses the bomb Fat Man which was dropped on Hiroshima. It describes the effects of the bomb first hand. The scientists are ashamed of the weapon they created, but

The Bad...

First off I want to give all the actors and actresses a big round of applause for the wonderful job they did. Kevin Hurley, who portrayed many characters in the play, did a wonderful job. The set design was great. It was not way overdone and the pictures in the background were an awesome affect. They really set the mood.

The story line itself to me really wasn't all that good, but I am not into history. If you are a history major then you would have loved to go and watch. As for someone who already knew about the atomic bomb it wasn't the best story line that it could have been. Everyone is entitled to their own opinion and others have a different view on the play than I do. I would give the actors and actresses 5 stars, but the story line gets 3 stars out of 5.

~ Doris Huffman



still go to Hiroshima to study the effects of the bomb. They hope that another will never be dropped.

The play earned a ranking of 4 stars out of 5 in my mind, but others' opinions differ greatly. The play was a production made to let people know what happened in Hiroshima and how horrible it was.

~ Mike Lentz





Young Yumi reads a letter. *Yumi is portrayed by Emily Young*



Together again. *Yumi and her friend meet after many years of separation. Yumi is portrayed by Emily Young.*



Mourning the loss. *In back is Jarrod McNutt, Nick McGee, Brendon Muhlhausen, Emily Wiebe Christine Puga and Bart Ulbrich.*

A man of many words. *Kevin Hurley portrays many characters in the play.*



Working together. *Adam Luke and Bart Ulbrich.*

Behind The Lens

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Corey Bailey, Tampa, Fla Sophomore, shoots the ball over the strong defense of two Northern Oklahoma players.

Basketball



Brittney Lasley, Muskogee, Okla. sophomore, tries for a quick two points.



Ladarious Weaver, Atlanta sophomore, takes a quick jump shot.



LeKeisha Gray, Muskogee, Okla. sophomore, brings the ball to the basket.



Donnel Reaves, Lanham, Md. freshman, takes his shot after being fouled.



Elizabeth Witte, Fort Wayne, Ind. sophomore, attempts a three point shot, her specialty.



Coach Darryl Smith questions a call made by the referee.

Coach Randy Smithson directs a player to move into position.

Butler welcomes Facebook

Story by Katie Chrapkowski
Photo by Andrew Dorpinghaus

Upon graduation from high school, most seniors scatter all over the country to various colleges, which inevitably means most students lose touch with their fellow classmates.

Thanks to Mark Zuckerberg, founder of www.facebook.com, students at most major universities and some community colleges can keep in touch through this website. The site is open to a lot of

schools, but not everywhere yet.

In early December, Butler Community College was added to Facebook, making Butler the second community college in Kansas to be on the website. Johnson County Community College is the only other junior college in Kansas on Facebook so far.

"Our school making Facebook was like an early Christmas present," Brianna Holloway, Osage City freshman, says.



Time well spent? Many Butler students, like Wichita freshmen Stephen Codwaloder and Krystal Hyson, use spare time between classes browsing through web sites like Facebook.

The Facebook is an online directory that connects people through social networks at schools. The site was launched to the public Feb. 4, 2004, so Zuckerberg is still working to get more schools added.

Joey Thompson, Derby freshman, says Facebook is a great way to catch up with old friends.

"Since my dad is in the Air Force it's really neat to find old friends I have moved from," Thompson says.

Facebook allows students to look up other people from their school and gives them the opportunity to make friends and join groups that have the same hobbies or interests as they do.

One of Butler's most popular groups that students have joined just so happens to be "Facebook is Taking Over My Life...and I'm Ok With It." Other popular groups are "College Would Be Sweet If There Were No Classes, Tests, or Homework" and "I Don't Know If Your Know This or Not But I'm Kind of a Big Deal...People Know Me!"

Many athletes here at Butler also create groups in support for their teams.

Dean of Student Life Adrian Rodriguez believes that it is a great tool that creates an excellent platform for students to come together to share ideas, interests and beliefs.

"When used well it can benefit students in meeting other students they wouldn't ordinarily come in contact with, maybe from other campuses, and provide announcements and information that can get to these students very quickly," Rodriguez says.

Members of Facebook are able to put a picture of themselves along with information about them and they may also write on their friends' "walls" or even "poke" each other.

According to the Facebook website, "Your wall is a forum for your friends to post comments or insights about you. You can always remove comments you

don't like from your own wall."

However, poking another member has no rhyme or reason to it. The website states, "We thought it would be fun to make a feature that had no real purpose and to see what happens from there. So mess around with it, because you're not getting an explanation from us."

"Facebook is like socializing without having to leave your room," Holloway says. "It's really fun to leave crazy messages at three in the morning."

Chris Hughes, spokesperson for Facebook, says that schools are no longer added to Facebook based on a certain number of requests from students.

"We have added all the schools in the nation that distribute .edu e-mail addresses to their students," Hughes says.

Wichita freshman Michael Bergsten is glad Butler was added to Facebook.

"It's a fun way to make new friends and find out about events in the area," Bergsten says.

Although most students really enjoy Facebook, others see slight downfalls to the website.

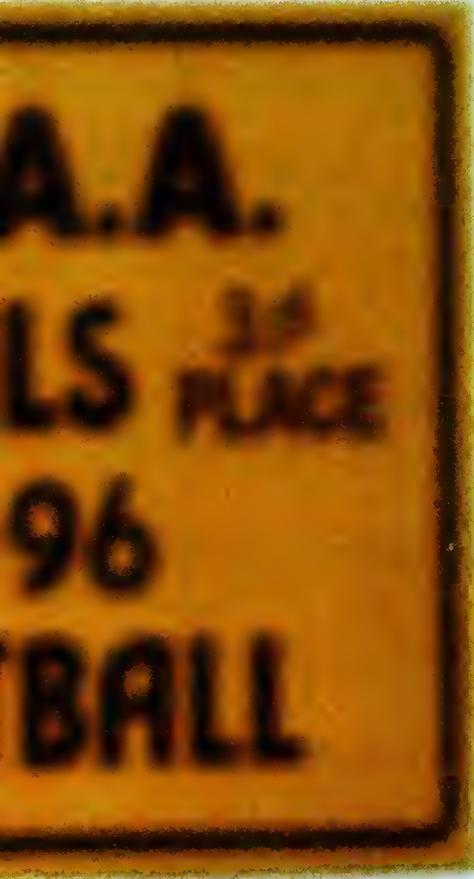
"The website is fun but it's also addicting," Sean Sanders, University of Kansas sophomore from Derby, says. "I have spent countless hours on there, which means homework gets put on the backburner."

Rodriguez added that he feels there are some drawbacks to Facebook as well.

"The monitoring or filtering of information on the site does not seem to be as advertised and, therefore, some of the text and/or pictures may be viewed as offensive or obscene to some," Rodriguez says. "I think when used properly Facebook can be a fun and interactive way to reach out to other Butler students."

Though Butler was just recently added, many students have already jumped on board with Facebook. As of late January, approximately 1,117 students from Butler are members on the website.

One girl.



two-sports

Story by Katie Chrapkowski
Action photos courtesy of Mike Mackay

It's not very common for any athlete to compete in two college sports, especially when their seasons overlap by almost a month. Abby Sorensen, Mulvane freshman, finds time to juggle being a point guard for the basketball team and an infielder for the softball team.

"I like different things about each sport," she says. "Basketball is more of a challenge for me because of my size, while softball is fun because I get to play with some of my best friends that I have played with since I was seven."

"Abby and I have been playing sports together for a really long time," Stephanie Tatum, Mulvane sophomore and softball teammate says. "When we were younger we used to play sports with all of the boys in our neighborhood."

Sorensen, at just 5 feet 4 inches, has been competitive in both sports for nearly 12 years.

She was a four-year varsity letterman in high school basketball and three-year letterman in softball. Her freshman softball season was cut short due to an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury.

On top of these two sports, Sorensen also played soccer since she was five years old but being on the softball team wouldn't allow her to compete in high

school.

Though other offers were up in the air, Sorensen chose to play for Butler on a softball scholarship.

"Butler is close to home and had good coaches in both sports," she says.

According to the Butler softball website, "Abby is an incredible athlete with great speed. Being a very versatile player, she will play both infield and outfield."

Both sports have winning on the mind and with that ensues a hectic practice schedule.

"She's fantastic at handling both sports," Lady Grizzly Head Basketball Coach, Darryl Smith, says.

On top of school, Sorensen works hard at both sports every week, practicing softball for one hour, three times a week and basketball every day for two hours.

"You never have to worry about Abby not giving 100 percent because anything else just isn't acceptable to her," Tatum says.

According to Sorensen, there are different aspects of each sport she enjoys.

"In softball there are a bunch of girls so you have to fight for your spot," she says. "All of us girls get along and we all always have fun together."



Abby Sorensen

Grade: Freshman

Hometown: Mulvane, Kan.

Basketball position: Point guard

Basketball number: 24

Softball position: Second base

Softball number: 14

According to Tatum, Sorensen is one of the hardest working players she knows.

"As a pitcher I know that when Abby's on the field I don't have to worry about her not giving her all," Tatum says.

Basketball, on the other hand, is a whole new ball game this year.

Smith, a new coach this season, is working with the girls to get rid of a losing attitude.

"We have great chemistry and I like being around my team," she says.

Sorensen usually plays approximately 15 minutes per game and has started in three games so far this year.

"She's a real good teammate and hard worker," Smith says.

Though it's a lot of work, Sorensen has fun juggling basketball and softball.

"I like to be busy and the coaches are willing to

work with me and make sure I can be successful at both," she says.

Smith stated that Sorensen is, "very coachable, a kind of athlete every coach wants on their team."

"She's wonderful. We think the world of her," Smith says.

Inevitably, Sorensen has been missing some off season softball conditioning due to the two sports' overlapping schedules.

"Coach Smith always makes sure that I am talking to the softball coach and not missing anything important," Sorensen says. "But it's going to be frustrating at softball for awhile because I have missed out on some things, and that means I will have to sit out more, which I am not used to doing on softball."

As of Jan. 24 the basketball team had a record of 6-13. Softball is set to debut in Fort Worth, Texas at the Cow Town Classic Feb. 17-18.



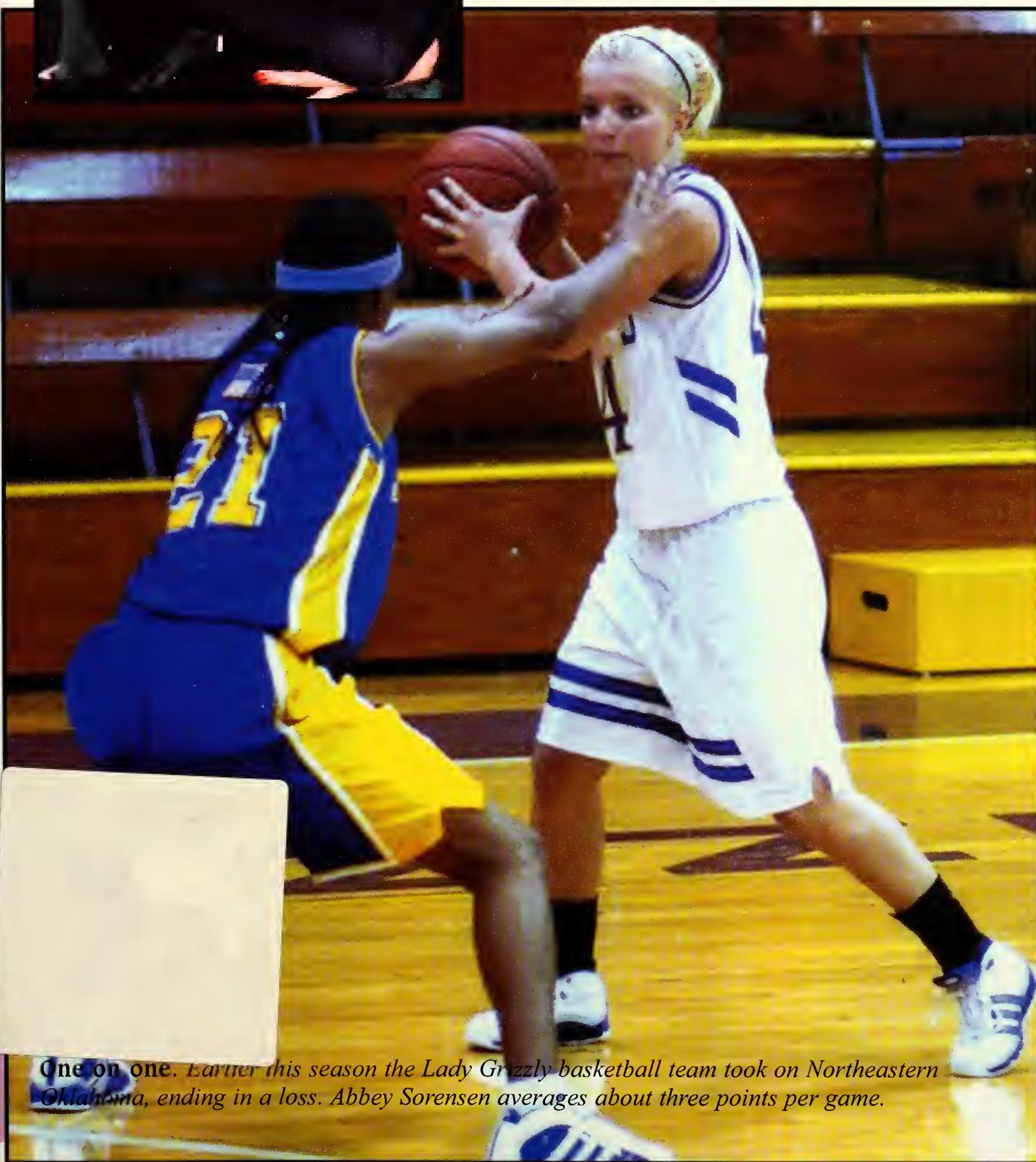
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Butler County Community Grizzly.



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Stephanie Tatum,
Mulvane sophomore



One on one. Earlier this season the Lady Grizzly basketball team took on Northeastern Oklahoma, ending in a loss. Abby Sorensen averages about three points per game.

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